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SUBJECT: GUINEAN DIAMOND EXPORTS

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1. AT PRESENT THERE IS NO LEGAL MINING OR SELLING
OF DIAMONDS IN GUINEA. INFORMATION CITED REFTTEL FROM
STANDARD BANK IN FREETOWN THAT US FIRM WOULD NEED LETTER
OF INTRODUCTION TO PRIME MINISTER TO QUALIFY FOR PARTI-
CIPATION IN DIAMOND TRADE APPEARS TO US INCORRECT. NEITHER
PRIME MINISTER NOR OTHER CABINET MEMBERS QUALIFY FIRMS IN
DIAMOND TRADE IN GUINEA. THERE IS NO LEGAL PRIVATE DIAMOND
AUCTION IN GUINEA.

2. US FIRM IS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING FOR A MINING CONCESSION
WHICH WOULD BE FIRST LEGALLY OPERATING MINE IN GUINEAN
IN SEVERAL YEARS. FIRM WOULD ACT AS ITS OWN SALES AGENT.

3. SUBSTANTIAL (BUT UNKNOWN) QUANTITIES OF DIAMONDS ARE
REPORTEDLY SMUGGLED OUT OF GUINEA ILLEGALLY TO
SIERRA LEONE AND LIBERIA AND EVIDENTLY FIND THEIR WAY INTO
PRIVATE DIAMOND MARKETS THERE. MAINLAND

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